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1. An unidentified border zastava is located approximately one kilometer west of Gorni Yurutsi (N4120 E2554). This zastava is made up of approximately 60 soldiers who are armed with rifles, sub-machine guns, and hand grenades. One lieutenant is in command of this zastava, aided by a starshi serzhant (sergeant first-class) and a serzhant (sergeant).
  2. The zastava is located in a one-story building which contains troop quarters, a mess hall, a kitchen, and approximately ten other rooms which are used as storerooms and offices.
  3. The zastava sends out two daily patrols, made up of two soldiers each. The first patrol is responsible for an area of fields known as Kartala, while the second patrol covers an area called Kirizlika. Both patrols act primarily as observers during the daytime. At night there are no more than ten soldiers in the zastava headquarters; these men are resting and will take over the patrols on the following day. The remainder of the troops are used as night patrols as follows:
    - a. Three pairs of soldiers in the village itself;
    - b. Two pairs of soldiers to guard the village water mill, located on the eastern side of the village;
    - c. One pair patrols the road leading from the village to the zastava; and
    - d. The remainder of the soldiers are divided up into pairs which patrol the areas east, south, and west of the village, and set ambushes.

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4. Night patrols mount guard at sunset, are on duty all night, and return to the zastava just before sunrise.
5. The curfew in the village is at 9:00 p.m. every night.
6. During April 1951, members of the Gorni Yurutsi zastava encircled a group of seven people who were trying to escape to Greece. The group was surrounded at Kartala, near the village, and the troops opened fire killing one and wounding two others. The fugitives were unarmed, but refused to give up. The group was taken with its wounded members somewhere into the interior of Bulgaria. Three days after the incident, the fugitive who had been killed was buried in the fields between the zastava and the village.
7. In the summer of 1951, a group of illegal residents, coming from the interior of Bulgaria and attempting to escape to Greece, passed the village of Botruche (N4121 E2555) one evening. Many peasants returning from work in the fields noticed the group and one peasant fired a gun from his window without result. The border zastava was immediately notified and zastava troops from Bezantsi (N4120 E2557) were alerted. The zastava immediately sent out patrols and set up ambushes to trap the group. The refugee group came very close to a pair of soldiers who did not open fire, however, since they saw that the refugee group consisted of ten very well-armed men. After the group had gone by, one of the soldiers threw a hand grenade but no one was hurt. The group then opened fire on the soldiers with submachine guns, but, because of the darkness, no one was hit.

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